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SUBJECT: FRENCH-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION

1. WE HAVE NOT YET CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS OUT OF RIO DE JANEIRO (NYT, MARIVINE HOWE, JULY 6, 1975, THAT BRAZIL AND FRANCE ARE PREPARED TO SIGN ACCORDS TO COOPERATE IN PROSPECTING FOR URANIUM AND EXCHANGING NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. BOTH THE MFA AND CEA REPLIED THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SOME TIME BUT THAT NOTHING HAS YET BEEN CONCLUDED. HOWEVER, THE BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR ARM, NUCLEBRAS, DID BUY ON JULY 4 A SMALL SWIMMING POOL LIGHT WATER REACTOR, SUITABLE FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING. THE REACTOR, "COBRA" (COOPERATION-BRAZIL), WAS PURCHASED FROM TECHNICATOME, THE CEA'S COMMERCIAL ARM FOR ADVANCED REACTOR CONSTRUCTION. A TECHNICATOME OFFICIAL DENIED REPORT IN THE FRENCH PRESS THAT PURCHASE INVOLVED COOPERATION.

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TION ON THE FAST BREEDER.

2. COMMENT: LEFT IN THE DUST BY THE GERMANS IN
NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT SALES, THE FRENCH PROBABLY SEE
PARTICIPATION IN EXPLOITING BRAZIL'S POTENTIALLY
RICH URANIUM RESERVES AS THEIR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE.
THEY HAVE FOR MANY YEARS PURSUED A HIGHLY AGGRESSIVE
PROGRAM OF OVERSEA EXPLORATION AND MINING.
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